



Community Connection

Village of Canal Winchester, Winter 2008

Resident Input Requested for Community Surveys

The Village of Canal Winchester mailed a survey to all households within its corporation limits earlier this month to learn what residents think about community services, future initiatives and life in general in Canal Winchester. The requested return date for the surveys has been moved back from November 19 to November 26 to give anyone who hasn't yet had the time to respond an extra week to fill it out. All surveys were sent with a postage-paid return envelope so you simply need to put the completed survey in the envelope and drop it in any mailbox.

The survey includes sixty four questions that request input on area parks, community facilities, police protection, public utilities, development and a number of other areas, including how satisfied residents have been with their interactions with village staff. In addition to their opinions, residents are also asked to share other information, such as where they work, dine and shop.

Once survey responses have been received, results will be tabulated and analyzed and recommendations will be made for future planning. This review will be done by a third-party consultant to ensure results remain unbiased. As the results will only be as good as the quality and variety of responses the village gets from its residents, everyone is en-

couraged to fill out and return the survey. The results are expected to be available to the public in early 2009.

Related to the community surveys, the village also conducted two economic development focus group sessions to help better understand business leaders and stakeholders' perception of Canal Winchester. This group of business and community leaders, developers and public officials offered their insight on what the village is doing well, where it could improve and what it should consider for the future. Overall feedback was very positive, with Canal Winchester being dubbed "a rising star" by one participant.

There were several areas mentioned by attendees as strengths of Canal Winchester, including having a great quality of life, managing growth and an outstanding workforce. Aspects the group suggested the village further address were reconsidering the retail mix and pursuing more office development. Recommendations for future consideration included tax credits and more aggressive marketing.

The insight gained by both the residential surveys and the economic development focus groups will help guide the future goals and planning for the village.



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Hello... From the Mayor



Here we are in the last quarter of 2008, and for each newsletter publication this year, there has been a new severe weather event to report. The latest was the remnant winds from Hurricane Ike as it swept through Ohio on September 14 and did millions of dollars of damage to Franklin County alone. Although winds reportedly reached speeds of 70 to 80 miles per hour, we were pretty lucky here at home. While we saw numerous tree limbs down, a few fallen trees, shingles missing from roof tops and power outages, there was no severe damage reported such as homes or buildings destroyed.

Our street crew was out on Sunday, the same evening of the wind storm, assessing damage and beginning the cleanup process which continued late into the

following week. They began by removing tree limbs hanging from street trees, followed by removing storm debris placed at the curb from private residences and lots, and finally did a thorough vacuuming of village streets. We did an excellent job of getting out early, determining the damages that occurred, and then jumping in and getting the job done in a timely manner.

In our last newsletter I reported new businesses that located in Canal Winchester as a way to keep you up-to-date, and I intend to keep you informed of any new businesses in the future. Recent business openings include the Garden Herb Shop & Radiant Living on W. Waterloo, Culligan Water Systems at Howe Parkway, Altercare of Canal Winchester Rehabilitation Center on Thrush Drive and Mr. Rooter, who operates out of his mobile truck. The Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce relocated to 20 N. High Street and ground was broken for the new hospital campus near the Hill-Diley Road Interchange, with the first phase of the facility expected to open in the fall of 2009.

Just in case you missed it, the Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival was the largest attended Labor Day Festival in history. There were more rides and food vendors than ever before as well as a huge cruise-in. The Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival Committee was awarded the Festival of the Year by the Greater Ohio Showmen's Association just before the start of the parade on Labor Day. Congratulations to the Labor Day Committee for all their hard work and for making Canal Winchester the place to be for the Labor Day weekend.

If you haven't already, please make sure to turn in your resident survey by November 26. This survey will give us an opportunity to take the pulse of the community, and to see what we are doing well and what we could do better. You have my pledge that we will analyze the responses and use them as guideposts for our service to the community in 2009 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ebert".

Michael Ebert, Mayor

2008 Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival



Snow Removal Requires Your Assistance

With the winter season again upon us, we have begun to prepare for our snow removal process. The Village of Canal Winchester makes every effort to keep our streets clear and passable before, after and during a snow event by utilizing brine solution application, salting and plowing.

You can assist by:

- Piling shoveled snow to the right of driveways (as you face the street)
- Keeping children away from snow plows
- Not building igloos, caves or other structures close to the street
- Keeping parked cars off street
- Cleaning around mailboxes to assure mail delivery
- Clearing public sidewalks as soon as possible (as required of all residents and business owners by village ordinance 905.02 and ORC 723.011)
- Not placing snow cleared from parking lots and driveways on public sidewalks or bike paths

Village staff is committed to providing the high-quality snow removal service our residents have come to expect. However, with the dramatic increase in the cost of roadway salt – 300% expected increase in 2009 – coupled with a limited availability of this material across

the country, a severe winter could impact our normal salt spreading practices. The village will continue to carefully monitor its salt usage and investigate alternatives in order to reduce the impact of price increases and salt shortages.

Although these procedures may be adjusted as needed, the following is the village's general policy for snow removal and street salting.

Salting

Streets within the village will be salted in the following order: arterial streets (including Columbus, Gender, High and Waterloo), other collector streets and major streets within subdivisions, secondary streets within subdivisions, cul-de-sacs and then alleys. Re-salting will be done as needed.

Plowing

Streets will be plowed in the same order as salting. Streets will continue to be plowed until excess snow is removed from parking and driving lanes, freeing storm sewer catch basins so flooding and freezing does not occur. This will also open the area to mailboxes and parking.

Cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets

The primary method of cleaning cul-de-sacs will be salting as there is nowhere

to put excess snow when plowing. Removal of plowed snow on dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs will only take place when snowfall exceeds eight inches and only after all other removal activities are complete. Removal will only take place during normal working hours.

Downtown Business District

Removal of plowed snow in the downtown area will only take place when snowfall exceeds eight inches and only after all other removal activities are complete. Removal will only take place during normal working hours.

Please do your part to ensure the village's snow removal goes as smoothly as possible. As a reminder, both residents and business owners are required by law to clear the public sidewalks in front of their property. Should you have any questions about the snow removal process, please call 614-837-1992.



Thank You Waste Management Volunteers!

On a Saturday morning in October, 13 volunteers from Waste Management assisted Canal Winchester's Urban Forester, Dick Miller, and Division of Streets Manager, Ed Snyder, clean

up along Groveport Road and Walnut Creek. A big thank you to James Baltzer, Kathy Baltzer, Barb Corrigan, Melfa Farquharson, John Freeland, Selena Freeland, Anna Johnson, Steve Mignon, Katherine Remais, Lori Sullivan, Justin Turner, Laurie Watson and Sharon

Witherspoon for donating their time. The group was able to pull more than 30 tires out of Walnut Creek!

According to Justin Turner, who organized the group from Waste Management, their employees plan to make volunteering in the community a regular activity.



Canal Winchester's Christmas in the Village Celebration

Canal Winchester's annual storybook Christmas celebration will be held in the village's historic downtown on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6. A Santa parade will begin at 5:15 p.m. each night and activities will commence at 6 p.m. This year's event will include horse drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa, children's games and crafts, ice sculptors, an electric train display, Christmas carolers, a gingerbread house contest, a business expo, and much more.

Location of Activities

Tree Lighting	Stradley Place
Carriage Rides	Outside Huntington
Santa Visits	Inside Huntington
Hay Rides	Outside Village Offices
Ice Sculptor	Stradley Place
Model Trains	Community Center
Kid's Crafts	Town Hall
Kid's Games	Chase Bank
Business Bazaar	Community Center
Gingerbread Houses	Fern's Attic



Activities will take place on the sidewalks and streets of downtown Canal Winchester as well as inside several business establishments around the village's municipal office building at 36 S. High Street.

Anyone who would like more information about Christmas in the Village or details on how to enter the second annual gingerbread house contest should contact Carrie Hoover at 614-834-9727 or choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov.



Information is also available online at www.canalwinchesterohio.gov.

Christmas in the Village is a partnership between the Village of Canal Winchester and the Main Street Canal Winchester organization. This free community event would not be possible without the support of many local businesses and volunteers.

Friday Santa Parade Route

With Canal Winchester Labor Day Court

Parade begins at the firehouse and will head south on Gender Road, turn left on Dietz Drive, left on Washington Street, right on Columbus Street and left on High Street.

Saturday Santa Parade Route

With Canal Winchester Labor Day Court

Parade begins at the village municipal building and will head south on High Street, right on Columbus Street, left on Washington Street, left on Ashbrook Road, left on Williamson Lane, right on Embers Lane, right on Walnut Drive, left on Williamson Lane, right on Hilliard Drive, right on Saylor Street, left on Williamson Lane, left on Ashbrook Road, right on Washington Street, right on Columbus Street and left on High Street.

Mark Your Calendar!

November 26

Resident Surveys Due

November 27 and 28

Village Offices Closed

December 5 and 6

Christmas in the Village

December 13

Breakfast with Santa

December 25

Village Offices Closed

Breakfast With Santa

Canal Winchester's annual Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 13 at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Frances Steube Community Center located at 22 S. Trine Street. Tickets are \$5 for both adults and children and can be purchased at the village's community center and municipal building between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are also available at Fern's Attic during the store's normal business hours. Children under one year are free.

Ticket includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and orange juice as well as milk for children and coffee for adults. Children will also receive a gift bag and a visit with Santa. A professional photographer will **NOT** be available to provide photographs. Please bring a camera if you'd like to record this occasion.

Only 100 tickets are available. Make sure to reserve your space early as last year's event sold out in advance.

New Emergency Center in Canal Winchester

Ground has been broken on the area's first 24-hour, full-service emergency center. Construction on the 34,000 square-foot facility, which will be located at the U.S. Route 33 and the Hill -Diley Road interchange, began on October 2 and is expected to be complete in late fall 2009.

The currently unnamed emergency center is a collaboration between Mount Carmel Health System and Fairfield Medical Center. It will have access to ground and air transport services and be staffed by emergency

medicine physicians, emergency-trained nurses, ER technicians and support associates. The facility will also offer imaging services such as MRI, CT scan, x-ray, ultrasound and mammography, as well as a clinical pharmacy and laboratory.

The campus will also feature a 50,000 square-foot medical office building for specialty and primary-care physicians, developed by The Daimler Group. The project architect is Design Group, with Elford, Inc. providing construction management services.



Eliminating Fats, Oils and Grease from our Sewer System

Just as grease clogs your arteries, it also clogs the village's sewer system. Grease in our sewer system is most often a byproduct of cooking, and is found in such things as meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, dairy products like butter and margarine, food scraps, sauces and more.

All too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through a kitchen sink. It then sticks to the inside of sewer pipes both on your property and in the streets. Over time, this grease can build up and block an entire pipe.

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and still allow grease down the drain. Commercial additives, including detergents that

claim to dissolve grease, may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas. The results of a grease-blocked sewer pipe can be:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that generally must be paid for by the property owner (the average cleanup cost is about \$3,000; this does not include replacing carpets and repairing walls)
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs by the village's division of water reclamation, which causes higher sewer bills for customers.

Please do your part to keep fats, oils and grease out of our sewers: **Dispose of these materials properly!**

Congratulations to the 2008 Labor Day Court!



Miss Canal Winchester Court (L-R): Megan Emmons (1st Attendant), Elizabeth DuBoe (Miss Canal Winchester), Kimberly Parks (2nd Attendant) & Amanda Petty (Miss Congeniality)



Junior Miss Canal Winchester Court (L-R): Morgan Berkemeier (1st Attendant), Savanna Daily (Junior Miss Canal Winchester) & Alexandra Bernowski (2nd Attendant)



Little Miss Canal Winchester Court (L-R): Allison Saulnier (1st Attendant), Whitley Snyder (Little Miss Canal Winchester) & Hope Zurbriggen (2nd Attendant)



Tiny Miss Canal Winchester Court (L-R): Alison Distefano (1st Attendant), Lauren Robson (Tiny Miss Canal Winchester) & Anna Ratliff (2nd Attendant)



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